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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO SWISS EMBASSY

REF: KINSHASA 0906 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT A HANS PETER BERGER (PHONETIC) IS  
  
BEING DETAINED PENDING INVESTIGATION BY CENTRAL AFRICAN POLICE  
IN BAMBARIN CAE, AS AN ACCOMPLIS IN THE DEATH OF HIS BASTARD  
CHILD. BERGER REPORTEDLY IS AN EMPLOYEE OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
  
ORGANIZATION; HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS.

2. A FEW MONTHS AGO, BERGER REPORTEDLY ABANDONED HIS CENTRAL  
  
AFRICAN GIRLFRIEND WHO HAD A CHILD BY HIM. WHEN THEY SPLIT UP,  
THE COUPLE DIVIDED ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS INCLUDING MEDICAL  
SUPPLIES. THE GIRLFRIEND LATER KILLED THE CHILD WITH AN OVERDOSE  
OF MEDICINE. ALTHOUGH BERGER DENIES IT, THE GIRLFRIEND TOLD THE

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POLICE INVESTIRATORS THAT BERGER GAVE HER THE MEDICINE AND  
INSTRUCTED HER HOW TO ADMINISTER THE OVERDOSE.

3. BERGER HAS RETAINED MR. GEORGE SORQUET, A FRENCH NATIONAL  
  
RESIDING IN BANGUI, AS HIS ATTORNEY. SORQUET CAN BE CONTACTED  
AT B.P. 463 (TEL: 22-59), BANGUI, EMPIRE CENTRAFRICAIN. CRIMINAL

COURT WILL NOT RETURN TO SESSION UNTIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR AND WE DOUBT PROVISION WILL MADE FOR AN EARLIER TRIAL SHOULD BERRER BE FORMALLY CHARGED.

4. WE SUGGEST TTE SWISS EMBASSY KINSHASA CONTACT SORQUET DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. WE HAVE NOT CONTACTED HIM AND WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO DO SO IN VIEW OF AN ONGOING CONSULAR CASE INVOLVING

THE DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN AND BRITISH JOURNALIST. IN THIS CASE THE GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED OUR INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH SUBJECT, EVEN THOUGH HE IS EMPLOYED BY THE ASSORIATED PRESS.

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